



## Westlake Charter School

*Expanding Opportunities... Connecting Children to the World*

February 23rd, 2014

Welcome Back Westlake Charter Families,

This is Kate Burwinkel with this week's connect-ed message.

I hope that you had a wonderful break! We are excited to jump back into the swing of things here at WCS!

We are in need of some volunteers for the Natomas Community's **Duck Pluck Festival** on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. This is a great community festival that includes booths and games for kids. WCS would like to host a booth, but we need help with volunteer slots. If you are able and interested to help, please contact: Sherry Nealon [snealons@aol.com](mailto:snealons@aol.com)

WCS is pleased to announce its second annual **Art Exhibit**!!! The talents of our students will be showcased in an art exhibit at Maestro Coffeehouse and Art Gallery, located at 2069 Arena Blvd, on the northwest corner of Arena Blvd and Truxel Road. Approximately 80 pieces of artwork will be on display March 1 ~ April 5, 2014. There will be a reception and fundraiser event, held on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. The student artwork on display will be offered for sale, and Maestro Coffeehouse will offer "specialty brewed drinks" with proceeds supporting the art program at WCS. We hope all of you will come out on March 8th to admire the amazing talents of our Westlake kids.

WAVE invites you to attend **"A Night Under the Stars"** on the Del Paso Campus, on Friday, March 14th at 7:30 p.m. The Sacramento Valley Astronomical Society is setting up telescopes and leading an educational presentation and activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress warmly and join in the fun!

WAVE is also excited to invite you to **"Soups and Stories"** schedules for Friday March 21<sup>st</sup> on the Del Paso Campus. All families are invited to come and bring a food items to share. Please contact Elena Thrower if you are able to donate a food item or if you can help by reading that night: [elena.thrower@gmail.com](mailto:elena.thrower@gmail.com) All volunteers will receive parent hours for their time.

Know anyone who is interested in running for the **WCS school board**? If so, please visit our website for Board Election information. There are (3) parent representative positions open and one (1) community representative position open as well. Candidates need to submit an election statement to [admin@westlakecharter.com](mailto:admin@westlakecharter.com) by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

We hope you had a wonderful break! We are excited to be back! Go Explorers!